

The Stephen Day House
62 Elmwood Road
Chatham, Morris County, New Jersey

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The Stephen Day House
62 Elmwood Road
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Owner: Mr. A. F. Duchamp

Date of Erection: Before 1750

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone
foundation in lime

Exterior walls - frame
construction, siding

Interior walls - plaster

The floors were sawed by
the old molly mill

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch, asbestos
shingles

Historical Data:

The earliest definite date of the settlement
of Chatham is 1730. John and Daniel Day settled where
the road crossed the Passaic River west of the Watchung

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Mountains.

The Day House is now located at 62 Elmwood Road. According to one version of the story told about the house, it was moved to its present site from the northwest corner of Main and Elmwood Road, the site now occupied by the Ogden Memorial Church. Another version claims that the house always occupied its present site and was reached from Budd's Lane, now Passaic Avenue. Structural consideration seems to make this last version the true record of facts.

After Mrs. Caldwell's murder, the Reverend James Caldwell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, and his children lived at the Day House. Mrs. Stephen Day was the sister of Mrs. Caldwell.

During the Revolution the house was occupied by Captain Stephen Day. Day was Justice of Peace under British and Continental rule and served as a captain in the Continental Army. It seems very likely that Washington visited this house. There is on record a story to the effect that Washington after the Battle of Springfield sent word ahead to Mrs. Day that he would stop off and see her on his way through Chatham. General Lafayette was entertained in the Day Mansion when he visited Chatham in 1824.

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